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Application of: Betty WU *et al*

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RELEASING INTRACELLULAR  
MATERIAL FROM CELLS WITHIN  
MICROFLUIDIC SAMPLES OF  
FLUIDS



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please consider and enter the following amendment into the file of the above-identified application prior to its examination.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 5, page 1 to read as follows:

A This application is a continuation-in-part of application No. 09/953,921, filed September 18, 2001, and claims priority of provisional application No. 60/307,638 filed July 26, 2001. This application is also a continuation-in-part of application No. 09/819,105, filed March 28, 2001. Each of the above-mentioned applications are incorporated herein by reference.

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